Punalur Paper.

423. ✻MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the controlled price of a ream of twenty pounds of Punalur mill-made paper;

(*b*) what is the rate at which the wholesale dealer of paper at Changanacherry, Mr. A. B. Moideen Pillai, is authorised to sell paper;

(*c*) whether the Controller of Civil Supplies and the Manager of Punalur Paper Mills have received complaints from the public that the said merchant is selling at Rs. 12 or more per ream and that he refuses to give bills for the quantity he sells to the customers; and

(*d*) what action the Government have taken in this matter?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: (*a*) The controlled mill price of a ream of 20 lbs. unbleached Punalur paper is Rs. 9 as. 11-0, f. o. r. destination.

(*b*) Messrs A. B. Moideen Pillai and Bros. are authorised to sell paper to wholesale dealers at the controlled mill price (7 as. 9 pies per lb.), to retail dealers at 10 per cent. above the controlled mill price, and also to sell paper in retail at 25 per cent. above the controlled mill price.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) The Inspector of Civil Supplies, Kottayam, has been asked to conduct an enquiry in the matter and to forward an immediate report.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether an enquiry will be ordered immediately?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: An investigation has been ordered through the Inspector of Civil Supplies of Kottayam.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether it will be possible for him to give the conclusions of that investigation?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR: The reply from the Civil Supplies Inspector has not been received.

Applications for planting rubber.

424. ✻MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of applications received by the Government for planting rubber and the acreage covered by them;

(*b*) the number of applications sanctioned and permits for new planting of rubber with their acreage; and

(*c*) whether freedom is given for planting new areas in Cochin and British territories without any restriction?

MR. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR:

(*a*) Total number of applications received... 11806
Acreage covered by the applications ... 88795·14 acres.

(*b*) Number of applications sanctioned ... 11224
Acreage ... 82984·34 acres.

(*c*) Government have no information.

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